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Our Case No.: 11867/13

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lloyd Harmon Hancock et al.)

Serial No.: 09/892,834)

Filing Date: June 27, 2001)

For: Reduced Ignition Propensity Smoking)
Article and Wrapper and Method of and)
Apparatus for Producing the Article and)
Wrapper)

Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez

Group Art Unit No.: 1731

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, applicants
respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.